

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the arguments set forth fully below. Claims 57-108 were previously pending in this application. Within the Office Action, Claims 57-73, 75-102 and 105-108 have been rejected and Claims 74 and 103 have been objected to. By the above amendment, Claims 74 and 103 have been amended. Accordingly, Claims 57-108 are currently pending.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Within the Office Action, Claims 57-75, 77-93, 95-102 and 104-108 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,268,849 to Boyer et al. (hereinafter “Boyer”). The applicants respectfully disagree. Boyer teaches an internet television program guide system with embedded real-time data. Boyer teaches that the Internet television program guide system displays television program listings with embedded real-time data. [Boyer, col. 2, lines 24-28] Boyer further teaches that television program listings with embedded real-time data are preferably provided to the user’s multimedia system in the form of web pages. [Boyer, col. 2, lines 49-52] Boyer does not teach navigation of one or more television channels from the guide. Boyer only teaches that the program guide includes television program listings and data about television programs. Boyer does not teach enabling integrated navigation between internet websites and television channels. Boyer also does not teach a graphical user interface which includes selection of and access to one of a plurality of Internet websites and navigation of one or more television channels.

In contrast to the teachings of Boyer, the web channel guide graphical user interface system and method of the present invention provide a new and improved system for enabling a user to rapidly and conveniently navigate among and obtain access to internet websites and one or more television channels. The internet websites accessible through the system may be internet websites commonly accessed and selected by the user, or internet websites selected for the user which are of substantially high quality and entertainment value, and which are relevant to topics of interest to the user. The system further enables efficient navigation among the relevant internet websites and also enables integrated navigation between internet websites and television channels. As discussed above, Boyer does not teach navigation of one or more television channels from a guide. Further, Boyer does not teach enabling integrated navigation between internet websites and television channels. Boyer only teaches that the program guide includes television program listings and data about television programs. As also discussed above, Boyer

does not teach a graphical user interface which includes selection of and access to one of a plurality of Internet websites and navigation of one or more television channels.

The independent Claim 57 is directed to a system for enabling a user to select among and access one of a plurality of Internet websites. The system of Claim 57 comprises a graphical user interface which includes means for enabling selection of and access to one of a plurality of Internet websites, *means for enabling navigation of one or more television channels*, means for enabling selection of and access to one of an array of web channels upon actuating the Internet website selection-access enabling means, wherein each web channel includes a plurality of selectable categories associated with the web channel, and a plurality of selectable Internet websites related to and associated with each selectable category and means for enabling customization of at least one of the array of web channels upon actuating the web channel selection-access enabling means so as to enable selection of one of the plurality of selectable categories associated with the web channel, and one of the plurality of selectable Internet websites related to and associated with each selectable category. As discussed above, Boyer does not teach navigation of one or more television channels from a guide. Further, Boyer does not teach enabling integrated navigation between internet websites and television channels. Boyer only teaches that the program guide includes television program listings and data about television programs. As also discussed above, Boyer does not teach a graphical user interface which includes means for enabling selection of and access to one of a plurality of Internet websites and means for enabling navigation of one or more television channels. For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 57 is allowable over the teachings of Boyer.

The Claims 58-75 and 77-93 are all dependent on the independent Claim 57. As discussed above, the independent Claim 57 is allowable over the teachings of Boyer. Accordingly, the dependent Claims 58-75 and 77-93 are all also allowable as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

The independent Claim 94 is directed to a method of enabling a user to select among and access one of a plurality of Internet websites and one or more television channels, in a system which includes a graphical user interface, including means for enabling selection of and access to one of a plurality of Internet websites, *means for enabling navigation of one or more television channels*, means for enabling selection of and access to an array of web channels upon actuating the Internet website selection-access enabling means, wherein each web channel includes a plurality of selectable categories associated with the web channel, and a plurality of selectable Internet websites related to and associated with each selectable category, and means for enabling

customization of at least one of the array of web channels upon actuating the web channel selection-access enabling means so as to enable selection of one of the plurality of selectable categories associated with the web channel, and one of the plurality of selectable Internet websites related to and associated with each selectable category. The method of Claim 94 comprises enabling the displaying of the graphical user interface, enabling the displaying of the array of the web channels, *enabling the navigation of the one or more television channels within the graphical user interface*, enabling the user to select one of the array of the web channels and to obtain access to one of the plurality of the related and associated Internet websites and enabling the user to customize at least one of the array of web channels. As discussed above, Boyer does not teach navigation of one or more television channels from a guide. Further, Boyer does not teach enabling integrated navigation between internet websites and television channels. Boyer only teaches that the program guide includes television program listings and data about television programs. For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 94 is allowable over the teachings of Boyer.

The Claims 95-102 are all dependent on the independent Claim 94. As discussed above, the independent Claim 94 is allowable over the teachings of Boyer. Accordingly, the dependent Claims 95-102 are all also allowable as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

The independent Claim 104 is directed to a system for enabling a user to select among and access one of a plurality of Internet websites and one or more television channels. The system of Claim 104 comprises a graphical user interface, which includes an Internet website selection-access enabling element for enabling selection of and access to one of a plurality of Internet websites, *a television channel navigation enabling element for enabling navigation of the one or more television channels*, a web channel selection-access enabling element for enabling selection of and access to one of an array of web channels upon actuating the Internet website selection-access enabling element, wherein each web channel includes a plurality of selectable categories associated with the web channel, and a plurality of selectable Internet websites related to and associated with each selectable category and a web channel customization enabling element for enabling customization of at least one of the array of web channels upon actuating the web channel selection-access enabling elements so as to enable selection of one of the plurality of selectable categories associated with the web channel, and one of the plurality of selectable Internet websites related to and associated with each selectable category. As discussed above, Boyer does not teach navigation of one or more television channels from a guide. Further, Boyer does not teach enabling integrated navigation between internet websites and television

channels. Boyer only teaches that the program guide includes television program listings and data about television programs. As also discussed above, Boyer does not teach a graphical user interface which includes an Internet website selection-access enabling element for enabling selection of and access to one of a plurality of Internet websites and a television channel navigation enabling element for enabling navigation of one or more television channels. For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 104 is allowable over the teachings of Boyer.

The independent Claim 105 is directed to a method of enabling a user to select among and access one of a plurality of Internet websites and one or more television channels, in a system which includes a graphical user interface, including means for enabling selection of and access to one of a plurality of Internet websites, *means for enabling navigation of one or more television channels*, means for enabling selection of and access to an array of web channels upon actuating the Internet website selection-access enabling means, wherein each web channel includes a plurality of selectable categories associated with the web channel, and a plurality of selectable Internet websites related to and associated with each selectable category, and a customizing element for enabling customization of at least one of the array of web channels upon actuating the web channel selection-access enabling means so as to enable selection of one of the plurality of selectable categories associated with the web channel, and one of the plurality of selectable Internet websites related to and associated with each selectable category. The method of Claim 105 comprises enabling the displaying of the graphical user interface, enabling the displaying of the array of the web channels, *enabling the navigation of the one or more television channels within the graphical user interface*, enabling the user to select one of the array of the web channels and to obtain access to one of the plurality of the related and associated Internet websites and enabling the user to customize at least one of the array of web channels. As discussed above, Boyer does not teach navigation of one or more television channels from a guide. Further, Boyer does not teach enabling integrated navigation between internet websites and television channels. Boyer only teaches that the program guide includes television program listings and data about television programs. As also discussed above, Boyer does not teach a graphical user interface which includes selection of and access to one of a plurality of Internet websites and navigation of one or more television channels. For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 105 is allowable over the teachings of Boyer.

The independent Claim 106 is directed to a system for enabling a user to select among and access one of a plurality of Internet websites and one or more television channels. The system of Claim 106 comprises a graphical user interface, which includes an Internet website

selection-access enabling element for enabling selection of and access to one of a plurality of Internet websites, *a television channel navigation enabling element for enabling navigation of the one or more television channels, wherein television content corresponding to a television channel is displayed when the television channel is selected*, a web channel selection-access enabling element for enabling selection of and access to one of an array of web channels upon actuating the Internet website selection-access enabling element, wherein each web channel includes a plurality of selectable categories associated with the web channel, and a plurality of selectable Internet websites related to and associated with each selectable category and a web channel customization enabling element for enabling customization of at least one of the array of web channels upon actuating the web channel selection-access enabling elements so as to enable selection of one of the plurality of selectable categories associated with the web channel, and one of the plurality of selectable Internet websites related to and associated with each selectable category. As discussed above, Boyer does not teach navigation of one or more television channels from a guide. Further, Boyer does not teach enabling integrated navigation between internet websites and television channels. Boyer only teaches that the program guide includes television program listings and data about television programs. As also discussed above, Boyer does not teach a graphical user interface which includes selection of and access to one of a plurality of Internet websites and navigation of one or more television channels. Further, Boyer does not teach that television content corresponding to a television channel is displayed when the television channel is selected. For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 106 is allowable over the teachings of Boyer.

The independent Claim 107 is directed to a system for enabling a user to select among and access one of a plurality of Internet websites and one or more television channels. The system of Claim 107 comprises a graphical user interface, which includes an Internet website selection-access enabling element for enabling selection of and access to one of a plurality of Internet websites, *a television channel navigation enabling element for enabling navigation of the one or more television channels, wherein a broadcast corresponding to a television channel is displayed when the television channel is selected*, a web channel selection-access enabling element for enabling selection of and access to one of an array of web channels upon actuating the Internet website selection-access enabling element, wherein each web channel includes a plurality of selectable categories associated with the web channel, and a plurality of selectable Internet websites related to and associated with each selectable category and a web channel customization enabling element for enabling customization of at least one of the array of web

channels upon actuating the web channel selection-access enabling elements so as to enable selection of one of the plurality of selectable categories associated with the web channel, and one of the plurality of selectable Internet websites related to and associated with each selectable category. As discussed above, Boyer does not teach navigation of one or more television channels from a guide. Further, Boyer does not teach enabling integrated navigation between internet websites and television channels. Boyer only teaches that the program guide includes television program listings and data about television programs. As also discussed above, Boyer does not teach a graphical user interface which includes selection of and access to one of a plurality of Internet websites and navigation of one or more television channels. Further, Boyer does not teach that a broadcast corresponding to a television channel is displayed when the television channel is selected. For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 107 is allowable over the teachings of Boyer.

The independent Claim 108 is directed to a graphical user interface. The graphical user interface of Claim 108 comprises an Internet website selection-access enabling element for enabling selection of and access to one of a plurality of Internet websites, *a television channel navigation enabling element for enabling navigation of the one or more television channels*, a web channel selection-access enabling element for enabling selection of and access to one of an array of web channels upon actuating the Internet website selection-access enabling element, wherein each web channel includes a plurality of selectable categories associated with the web channel, and a plurality of selectable Internet websites related to and associated with each selectable category and a web channel customization enabling element for enabling customization of at least one of the array of web channels upon actuating the web channel selection-access enabling elements so as to enable selection of one of the plurality of selectable categories associated with the web channel, and one of the plurality of selectable Internet websites related to and associated with each selectable category. As discussed above, Boyer does not teach navigation of one or more television channels from a guide. Further, Boyer does not teach enabling integrated navigation between internet websites and television channels. Boyer only teaches that the program guide includes television program listings and data about television programs. As also discussed above, Boyer does not teach a graphical user interface which includes selection of and access to one of a plurality of Internet websites and navigation of one or more television channels. For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 108 is allowable over the teachings of Boyer.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Within the Office Action, Claim 76 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boyer in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0066085 to Boyer et al. The Claim 76 is dependent on the independent Claim 57. As discussed above, the independent Claim 57 is allowable over the teachings of Boyer. Since Publication No. 2003/0066085 does not disclose or suggest the Claim 57 elements missing from Boyer, the combination of Boyer and Publication No. 2003/0066085 does not disclose or suggest Claim 57. Accordingly, the dependent Claim 76 is also allowable as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

Claim Objections

Within the Office Action, it is stated that Claims 74 and 103 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By the above amendments, both Claims 74 and 103 have been written in independent form.

For the reasons given above, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be greatly appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

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